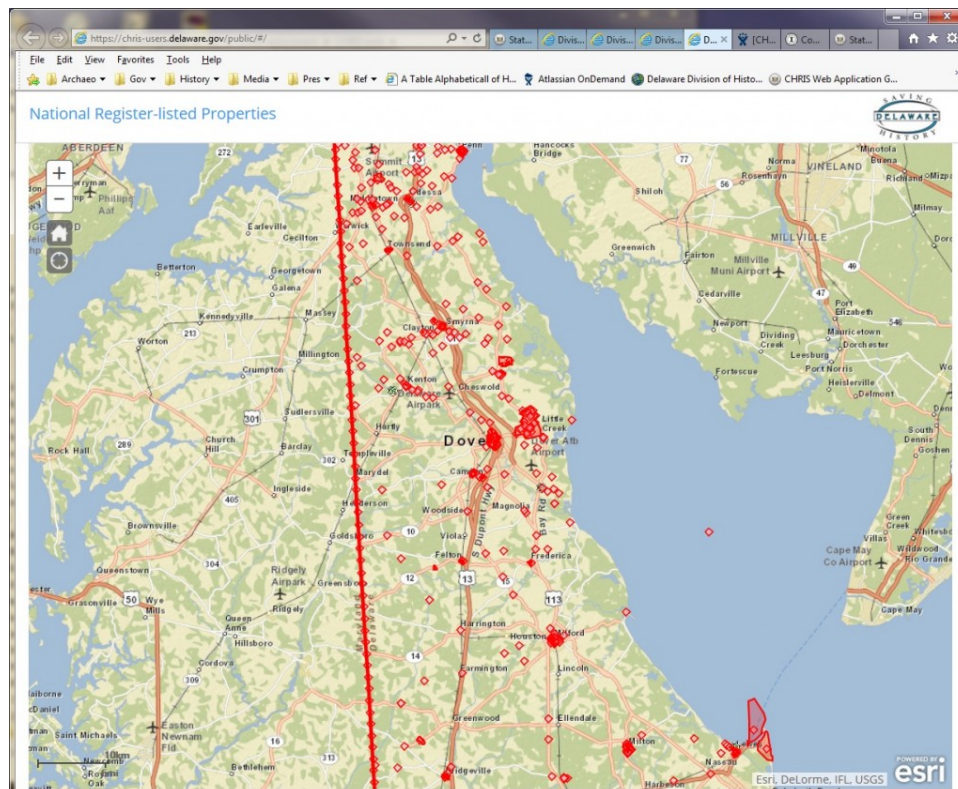


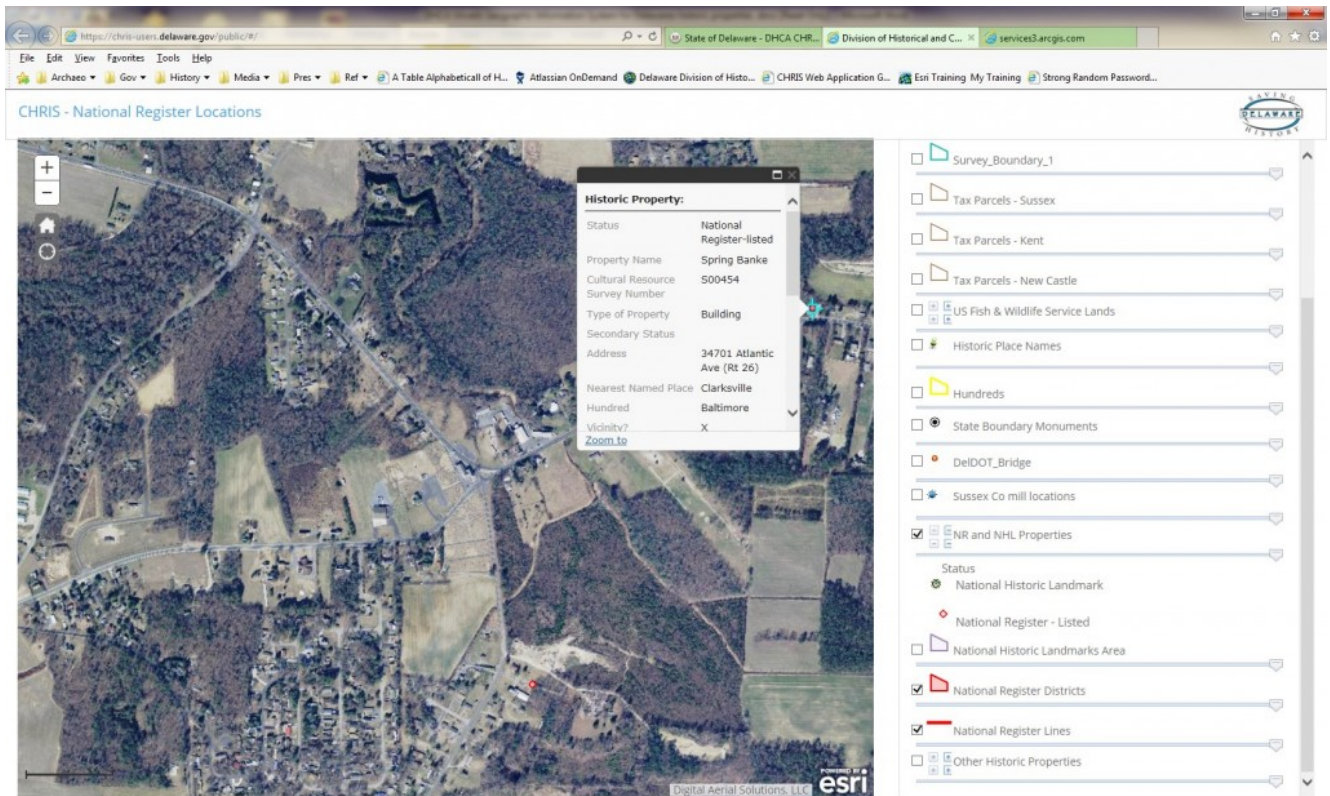
Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs launches updated geographic information system for Delaware's historic properties

(Dover, Del.—Feb. 16, 2015)—The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs today unveiled the updated version of its Cultural and Historical Resource Information System (CHRIS), a Web-based [geographic information system](https://chris-users.delaware.gov) (GIS) on historic properties that are located in the state of Delaware. A geographic information system integrates hardware, software and data for capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information. The new edition of CHRIS is more comprehensive, interactive and faster than the original version that was launched in 2009. Available to the public at no charge, CHRIS may be accessed on the Web at the following address: <https://chris-users.delaware.gov>.



National Register locations in Delaware from the updated version of CHRIS.

Designed to help preserve, maintain and foster awareness of Delaware's historical resources, CHRIS is an important tool for government agencies and their consultants in project planning, for local governments concerned with protecting historic properties in their jurisdictions, for Delaware's citizens seeking information on the history and architecture of their communities and for millions of Web users who may be interested in learning about Delaware's historic places.



Aerial image of a National Register-listed property from the updated version of CHRIS.

The public side of the new CHRIS delivers information on Delaware's [National Register of Historic Places](#)-listed properties, with a quick reference-table pop-up and attached nominations and photographs that can be viewed on-line or downloaded to a computer. In addition, forms and reports on non-confidential properties are available (archaeological-site locations are considered confidential).

As with the original version of CHRIS, cultural-resource-management consultants; some academic researchers and private non-profit organizations; and federal-, state- and local-agency staff members that are planning projects can apply for passwords that will allow them to access the full range of information, conduct research and view archaeological reports. For the first time, the system allows people who survey historic properties to interactively map and upload forms, making for more rapid review and posting of new information.

The new version of CHRIS was developed as a collaborative

project involving division staff, the Delaware Department of State and [GeoDecisions](#), an information-technology company that specializes in geospatial solutions. GeoDecisions is a division of Gannett Fleming. Additional assistance was provided by the Delaware Department of Technology and Information.

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